

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Avakov et al. '634 in view of Trout et al. Also, claims 1-3, 8, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Avakov et al. '634 in view of Pizzalato.

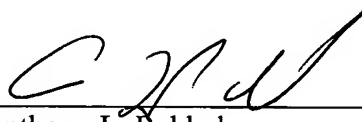
Claims 4, 5, 7, 9, 13 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of depending claim 9 and should now be allowable. Claim 9 is cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 8 depend from amended claim 1 and should now be allowable. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 13 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 10 is amended to include the limitations that "the coiled tubing injector apparatus comprises a base" and "at least a portion of the wetting fluid basin is defined by the base." Since none of the references Avakov et al. '634, Trout et al., or Pizzalato refer to or suggest a wetting fluid basin defined by a base of a coiled tubing injector apparatus, amended claim 10 is also novel and not obvious in view of the prior art, and therefore allowable. Claims 11 and 14 should be allowed since both depend from allowable claims.

The amendment to claim 10 does not comprise new material but is rather supported by paragraphs [0018] and [0066-0067] of the specification, as well as FIGS. 15 and 17 and claim 13 as originally filed.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted by the Applicants that claims 1-8 and 10-14 in this application are allowable. Accordingly, the allowance of such claims, i.e., 1-8 and 10-14 is respectfully requested. This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2004.

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